

# **Monaro Folk Society – End of Month Dance Organising Team (EOMDOT) Report for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022**

## **EOMDOT area of responsibility and objectives**

The EOMDOT runs dances for MFS members and the general public on the last Saturday of the month, for most months of the year. The EOMDOT also organises three MFS high profile dances: the Shearers' Ball, Colonial Ball, and New Year's Eve dance.

### **The EOMDOT's objectives are:**

- to build competency in the performance of Australian traditional dance, dance calling and music
- to promote in the community an interest in and appreciation of Australian traditional dance styles and music
- to contribute to increase attendance and overall MFS membership
- to develop strategies in collaboration with the MFS Committee and other MFS subgroups to ensure that ALL MFS activities are successful.

### **Description of activity:**

Monthly dances to live music held at the Canberra Baptist Church Hall

Annual Colonial Ball usually held at the Albert Hall

Annual Shearers' Ball and New Year's Eve dance usually held at the Yarralumla Woolshed.

However, since March 2020, the pandemic and its repercussions have dramatically affected social and cultural activities in Canberra and interstate. The EOMDOT decided to cancel the end of month dances planned from July 2021 to the end of June 2022, as well as the 2021 Colonial Ball and 2022 Shearers' Ball.

### **The office bearers and membership of EOMDOT**

Antonella Salpietro - Convener and primary contact

Rita Turnbull

Mark Simmons

Matthew Gibbins

### **Outcome of activities**

In the financial year 2021-22, EOMDOT organised one dance workshop for the Colonial Ball which achieved a surplus; however, due to Covid concerns, the Colonial Ball itself was cancelled after tickets had been printed and publicity paid for.

The main factor leading to the EOMDOT loss is related to the New Year's Eve dance where publicity in local and interstate printed media directed people to the MFS website for information on the event. However, the MFS website was hacked at the beginning of December 2021 and information on the New Year's Eve dance was included on the website only a couple of days before the event.

Total loss \$650.60

On behalf of EOMDOT

Antonella Salpietro

EOMDOT Convener